

Table 7. Confirmed human-caused mortality and serious injury records of Canadian East Coast minke whales, 2000 - 2004.

Date	Report Type	Sex, age, ID	Location	Assigned Cause: P=primary, S=secondary		Notes / Initial observations
				Ship strike	Entang./ Fsh.inter	
8/11/00	serious injury	unk sex and size	Port Clyde, ME 43° 55'N 69° 11'W		P	Unknown fishery. Dark line with several bullet buoys. Unusual minke behavior - whale probably anchored. No gear recovered.
10/3/00	mortality	unk sex and size	Rockland, ME 44° 05'N 69° 01'W		P	Unknown fishery. Very fresh carcass with fresh entanglement wounds on tail stock. No gear recovered.
8/17/01	mortality	3.9m male,	Middletown, RI 41° 28'N 71° 15'W		P	Unknown fishery. Severe rope entanglement around mouth and rostrum caused malnutrition and infection. No gear recovered.
12/13/01	mortality	7m (est) unk sex,	Massachusetts Bay, MA 42° 21'N 70° 43'W		P	Unknown fishery. Pictures show evidence of fairly fresh entanglement marks on tail stock and across flukes. No gear recovered.
7/17/02	mortality	4.6m (est) female	Bar Harbor, ME 44° 18'N 68° 07'W		P	Unknown fishery. Carcass had a rope scar on the peduncle with associated hemorrhaging. Additional bruising around the epiglottis and larynx. No gear recovered.
10/15/02	mortality	5.1m female	Gloucester, MA 42° 36'N 70° 39'W		P	Gear from state waters lobster fishery. Whale was entangled through the mouth and around the pectoral flippers. Gear still on the whale.
5/24/03	mortality	7.6m male	Glouster, MA 42° 41'N 70° 39'W		P	Unknown fishery. Line marks on head and dorsal fin, no line present. Cut across back anterior to dorsal fin. No gear recovered.
5/31/03	mortality	3.6m (est) female	Martha's Vineyard, MA 41° 21'N 70° 47'W		P	Unknown fishery. Whale stranded live wrapped in about 15 feet of 2-3 inch mesh netting; probably trawl gear.
6/28/03	Mortality	5.1m male	Chatham, MA 41° 40'N 69° 55'W		P	Lobster fishery. Whale wrapped in line.
8/9/03	Mortality	3.5m (est) unk sex	Harwich, MA 41° 37'N 70° 03'W		P	Unknown fishery. Hemorrhaging in areas with net marks on whale. No gear recovered.

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9/13/03	Mortality	6m (est) female	Casco Bay, ME 43° 42'N 69° 58'W		P	Unknown fishery. Fresh dead. External chaffing marks and belly slit open. No gear recovered.
5/6/04	Mortality	7.7m female subadult	Marthas Vineyard, MA 41° 21'N 70° 40'W		P	Unknown fishery. Constricting line marks on tail stock. Indications of drowning from internal exam. No gear recovered.
6/1/04	Mortality	6.5m female subadult	Chatham, MA 41° 40'N 69° 56'W	P		Shipe strike. Large area of subdermal hemorrhaging.
7/19/04	Mortality	7.9m female adult	Eastham, MA 41° 54'N 69° 58'W		P	Unknown fishery. Extensive entanglement markings. No gear recovered.